

**MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, Sep 21, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.

University of Utah Medical Center - Hospital Large Conference Room W1220

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Luz Robles
Rep. David Clark
Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove
Rep. Bradley M. Daw
Rep. Dean Sanpei
Rep. Evan J. Vickers
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. Stuart C. Reid
Rep. Wayne A. Harper
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
Ms. Cathy Dupont, Associate General Counsel
RuthAnne Frost, Associate General Counsel
Kimberly A. Heiner, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Chair Ray excused Chair Christensen and Rep. Daw. He also welcomed a class of nursing students from Weber State University.

2. University of Utah Medical Center

Ms. Kim Wirthlin, Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications, University of Utah, welcomed the Committee to the University of Utah Medical Center. She distributed a packet of University of Utah health care information and explained the content of the packet.

Dr. Vivian S. Lee, Dean, School of Medicine, University of Utah, gave an overview of advances in health care at the University of Utah and gave several examples of innovation, one of which was important breast cancer discoveries. She said that the University of Utah trains fewer doctors than it has in the past due to federal funding cuts, and that in order to meet the growing demands in the state for health care, the University of Utah Medical School will need to increase the number of doctors it trains. She said that one of the most important things for the university to keep in mind is that the university is here to serve the state. She responded to questions from the Committee.

Ms. Wirthlin gave an overview of the University of Utah Health System and described several success stories in the medical field at the university. She said that the University of Utah is the only academic medical center in Utah. She said the University of Utah's physicians simultaneously provide research, clinical care, and education.

3. Prescription Drug Abuse

Dr. Teresa Garrett, Division Director of Disease Control and Prevention, Utah Department of Health, distributed and discussed a handout on preventing prescription drug abuse in Utah. She also discussed the

media campaign launched by the Utah Department of Health called "Use Only as Directed." She gave demographic data regarding who has died from prescription drug overdose in Utah. She responded to questions from the Committee.

Ms. Marjean Searcy, Salt Lake Police Department, distributed flyers on safe use of prescription pain medications. She discussed the funding of the "Use Only As Directed" campaign and how the money is spent.

Ms. Mary Lou Emerson, Director, Utah Substance Abuse Advisory Counsel, distributed the handout "2010 General Session Pharmaceutical Drug and Related Bills Passed." She discussed legislative initiatives for preventing prescription drug mis-use. She also showed the video "Pharmaceutical Public Awareness - Angie's Story" produced by "Use only As Directed."

Rep. Tim Cosgrove said that it is important to treat drug abuse as a health issue versus a criminal issue.

Dr. Stephen Hartsell, Director of Education, Emergency Medicine, University of Utah, gave an overview of the Emergency Center at the University of Utah and discussed the demographics of emergency department patients. He responded to questions from the Committee.

4. Tour of Medical Center Facilities

Dr. Hartsell gave a tour of the University of Utah's Emergency Department and AirMed Center.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.